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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR EO TAGS AND SUBJ

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: INDOCHINA EREFUGEES ON BOARD SIBONGA AT BANGKOK

1. HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPT (HKID) CONTACTED CONGEN LATE AFTERNOON MAY 5 TO REPORT THAT BRITISH FLAG SHIP SIBONGA, REGISTERED IN LIVERPOOL, PICKED UP 38 BOAT REFUGEES ON RUN FROM JPAN TO BANGKOK.

2. ACCORDING TO HKID, THAI GOVT WANTED GUARANTEES BEFORE ALLOWING THESE REFUGEES TO LAND. HKID REPORTS THAT IT UNDERSTANDS U.S. AGREED TO TAKE 10 REFUGEES, UK 7, AUSTRALIA 15, AND FRANCE 6. THE 21 REFUGEES FOR AUSTRALIA AND FRANCE APPARENTLY ARE BEING ALLOWED ASHORE, BUT SHIP MAY PROCEED TO HONG KONG WITH 7 REFUGEES FOR UK AND ALLEGED 10 FOR U.S.

3. IF SIBONGA COMES TO HONG KONG WITH THESE 17 REFUGEES, HKID WANTS TO LAND THEM IN TRANSIT STATUS AND WOULD WANT THEM MOVE TO UK AND US SOONEST.

4. WE TOLD HKID WE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THIS AND WHILE
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WE WOULD INTERVIEW ANY REFUGEES LANDED HERE WO SEEK RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. CONGEN COULD NOT GUARANTEE U.S. APPROVAL IN ADVANCE WITHOUT INSTRUCTION AND IT WOULD TAKE AVERAGE THREE TO FOUR MONTHS TO OBTAIN SPONSORSHIPS AND MOVE THEM TO U.S.

5. CHECK WITH ICEM HONG KONG FOR INFORMATION WAS NEGATIVE.

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ICEM WAS ALSO INFORMED BY HKID AS AOBE, BUT HAS NO INFORMATION FROM UNHCR WHICH ACCORDING TO HKID IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS.

6. REQUEST INFORMATION AND, IF NECESSARY, GUIDANCE.
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